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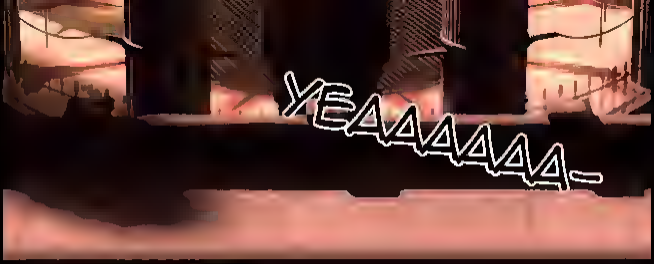
YEAAAAAA-

HOW...CAN THIS BE! THE BLACK RAT HAS INSTANTANEOUSLY FROZEN FREEZIE!!

DOES HE HAVE ICE SUPERPOWERS AS WELL?
IS THAT... TRUE?

WHY DON'T YOU ASK THE CHAMPION YOURSELF WHEN YOU MEET HIM? KEKEH
IF YOU WIN FOUR TIMES IN A ROW, YOU'LL GET THE RIGHT TO CHALLENGE HIM.

HE JUST ACTIVATED THE SECOND PRANA, RIGHT?
IT'S ANGER. I JUST GAVE HIM A MOTIVE-

NOW. UNLEASH EVERYTHING YOU'VE GOT. BLACKHOUND.

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WOW~ WHAT IS THIS? FREEZIE IS PITIFULLY DONE FOR.
IT DIDN'T SEEM LIKE THE BLACK RAT'S POWERS WOULD BE OF ICE.

I REALLY THINK THAT FREEZIE MAY HAVE FROZEN HIMSELF BY ACCIDENT.
THE BLACK RAT WAS JUST LUCKY.

BUT IT STILL WON'T BE EASY TO WIN FOUR CONSECUTIVE TIMES HERE AT SUPER ARENA

NOW~
THE SECOND FIGHTER
'HEAVY PIG' IS
COMING OUT!!
STOMP
STOMP

STOMP
IT WILL PROBABLY BE DIFFICULT TO GET HIS SECOND CONSECUTIVE WIN AGAINST THIS FIGHTER.
STOMP
STOMP
OINK !!!!!!

HE WILL CRUSH HIS OPPONENT WHOEVER THEY MAY BE-
POW
THE INCREDIBLE HE-MY...

...??!!!
BAM

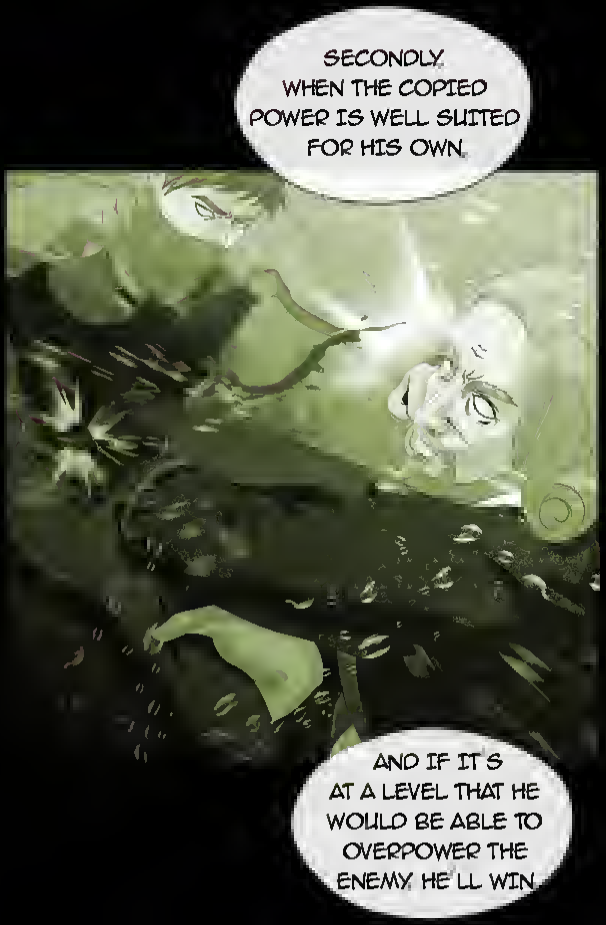
NEXT, HURRY AND GET OUT HERE!
WOW...HEA... HEAVY PIG IS DOWN, HE IS DOWN!

HEAVY PIG... PERHAPS HE WASN'T READY...?
BATABATABATA—
UGH! I CAN STILL FIGHT!!
LET ME GO!!
IT'S A SHAME BUT IF YOU GO OUTSIDE OF THE RING, YOU LOSE.

LOOKS LIKE HE BORROWED HIS OPPONENT'S POWER THIS TIME
BUT WHAT WOULD HAVE HAPPENED IN A FIGHT WITHOUT RULES?

WHEN THEO'S PRANA IS ACTIVATED, THERE ARE ONLY TWO REASONABLE WAYS FOR THEO TO WIN.
THE FIRST CASE, THE OPPONENT IS WEAKER THAN THEO, ALTHOUGH THEO WOULD WIN WITHOUT HIS PRANA IN THAT CASE.

HE IS DOWN! DOWN! LUCK IS REALLY ON THE BLACK RAT'S SIDE
NEXT-
LUCKY FOR HIM THE THIRD OPPONENT WAS ONE OF THE WEAKEST FIGHTERS CALLED "WEAKER"-


SECONDLY,
WHEN THE COPIED
POWER IS WELL SUITED
FOR HIS OWN
AND IF IT S
AT A LEVEL THAT HE
WOULD BE ABLE TO
OVERPOWER THE
ENEMY HE LL WIN

BUT THE SECOND PRANA DOESN'T MAKE HIM TAKE THE OTHERS' POWERS COMPLETELY. HE CAN EITHER COPY A PORTION OF THE POWERS
OR MAKE HIMSELF IMMUNE TO HIS OPPONENT'S POWERS AND AMPLIFY HIS ALLIES' POWERS.

THE REASON HE WAS ABLE TO DEFEAT PLUTON THE LAST TIME
BAM
WAS PROBABLY BECAUSE OF THE DAMAGE YOU GAVE ON PLUTON BEFOREHAND.

I FLEW OUT THERE BECAUSE I TRUSTED HIM. BUT ANYTHING COULD HAVE HAPPENED. "LUCKY" WOULD BE THE WORD TO DESCRIBE IT.
EVERY TIME THERE WAS A CRISIS, THE PRANA WOULD ACTIVATE AND HE COULD SURVIVE ON SOME KIND OF LUCK.

SO IF WE FULLY ACTIVATE HIS PRANA
YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND?
DOING THAT WOULD BE LIKE POISONING BLACKHOUND.
WHETHER HE BORROWS POWERS FROM AN ALLY OR AN ENEMY, IT'S STILL BORROWED POWERS.

Step
4
NOW~ THE FOURTH OPPONENT WILL BE THE ONE WHO HAS CHALLENGED THE CHAMPION TWO TIMES ALREADY, 'FLAMER'!
WHAT AM I DOING...

I WAS ABLE TO WATCH HIM FIGHT WITH DREAM GIRL BEFORE, AND I'M NOT SURE IF HIS PRANA WAS ACTIVATED, BUT
IT MIGHT HAVE BEEN EITHER THAT THE BORROWED POWER WAS NOT STRONG ENOUGH OR THAT HIS OWN POWER WASN'T STRONG FROM THE BEGINNING.

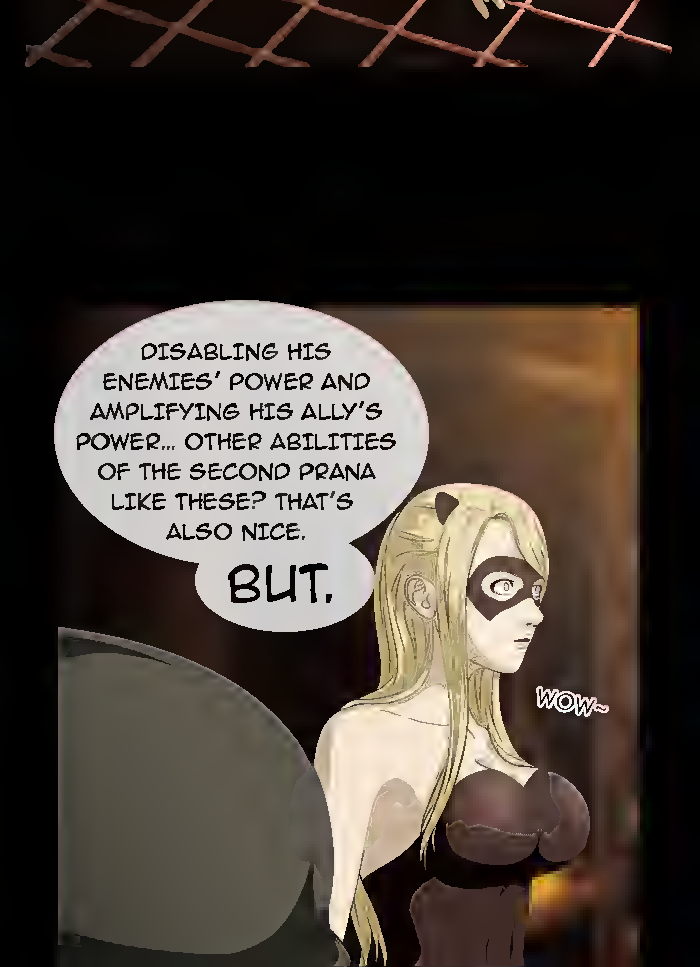
OO~ THE FOURTH ROUND IS TURNING INTO
A SLUGFEST!
POW
THAT GUY HAS NEVER DONE ANYTHING TO BECOME STRONGER. THAT'S BECAUSE HE DOESN'T KNOW HOW WEAK HE REALLY IS.

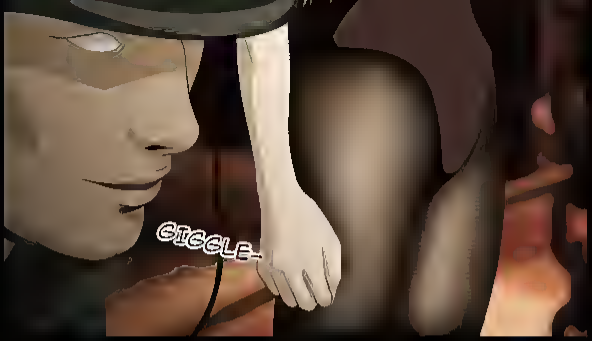
SO, THE OPPONENTS WHO DON'T KNOW ABOUT PRANA WOULD LOWER THEIR GUARDS
FAZOOM
LEAP
AND ALL OF THEM ENDED UP LOSING TO THEIR OWN POWERS

OH! BOTH CONTESTANTS ARE BEING ENGULFED IN FIRE!
FAZOOM
WHAT KIND OF POWER DID FLAMER USE?

THUMP
JUST LIKE WHAT IS HAPPENING RIGHT NOW.

OH! FOUR IN A ROW, FOUR WINS IN A ROW! HE GETS HIS CHANCE!!
FLOP
UGHHH


DISABLING HIS ENEMIES' POWER AND AMPLIFYING HIS ALLY'S POWER... OTHER ABILITIES OF THE SECOND PRANA LIKE THESE? THAT'S ALSO NICE.
BUT.
WOW~



A HERO IS NOT
A SUPPORTER.

HE MUST GET STRONGER ON HIS OWN.

LOOK CAREFULLY FROM NOW ON.
BECAUSE THE NEXT FIGHT IS WHY I CALLED YOU HERE.
SSH

HE'S NEVER REALLY HAD A PROPER FIGHT TILL NOW
WATCH HOW SOMEONE POWERFUL DESTROYS THIS WEAKLING WHO HAD ACTIVATED THE PRANA TO ITS LIMITS

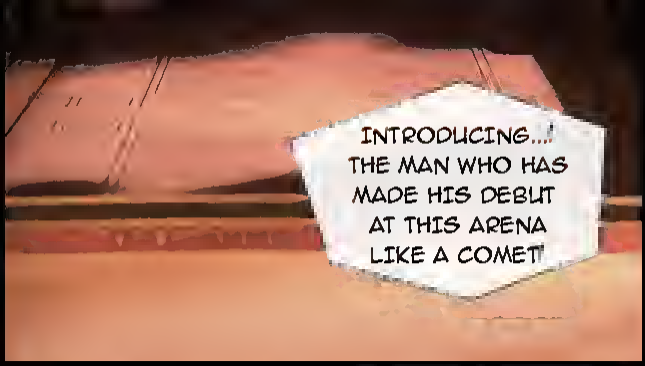
THE CHAMPION HERE IS THAT STRONG? ALRIGHT I'LL SEE FOR MYSELF. BUT WHERE ARE YOU GOING? AREN'T YOU GOING TO WATCH WITH ME?
I...

SUDDENLY HAVE A... STOMACHACHE...
RESTROOM!!
GROWL
.....

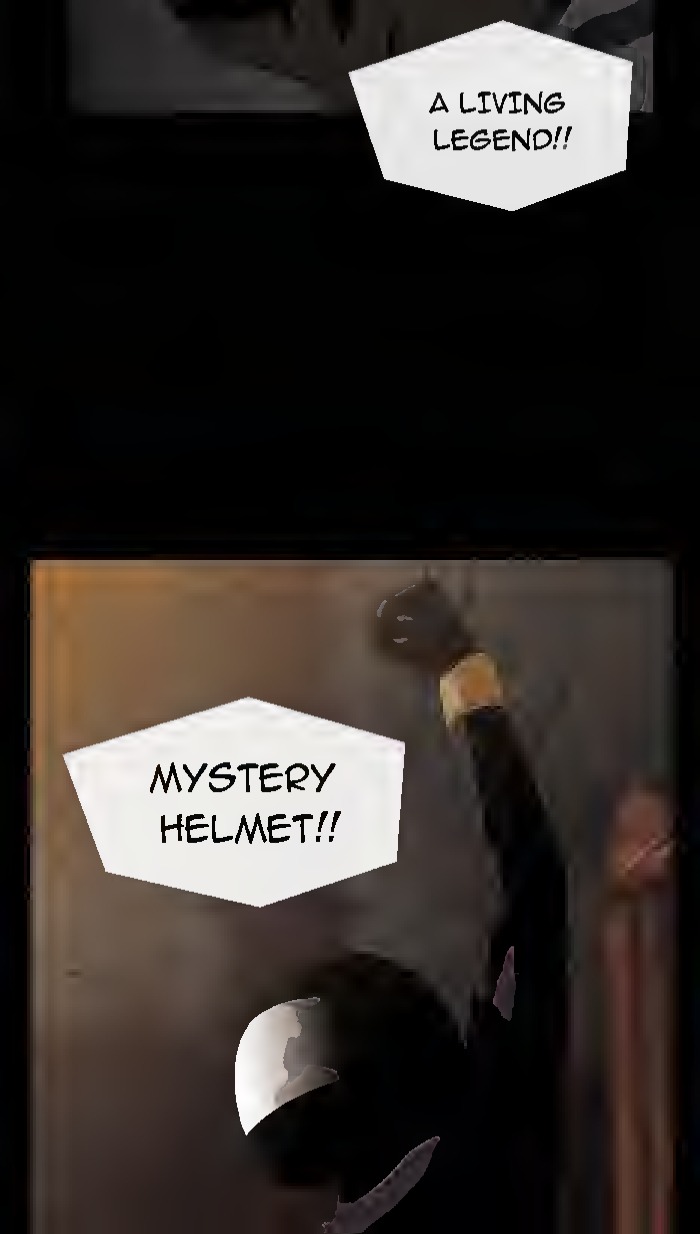
WHEEEEEEE-
MY MY~ CAN YOU HEAR THIS BATTLE CRY?

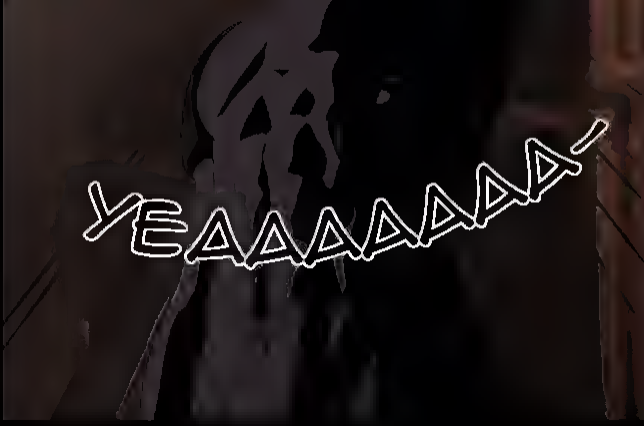
THE ARENA IS ROARING WITH EXCITEMENT AT THE CHANCE TO SEE THE CHAMPION FOR THE FIRST TIME IN A LONG TIME!
CHAMPION...WHAT KIND OF GUY IS HE?

IS HE REALLY THE ONE WHO KILLED MY DAD?
AH, THERE HE COMES!!
STUMP
STUMP

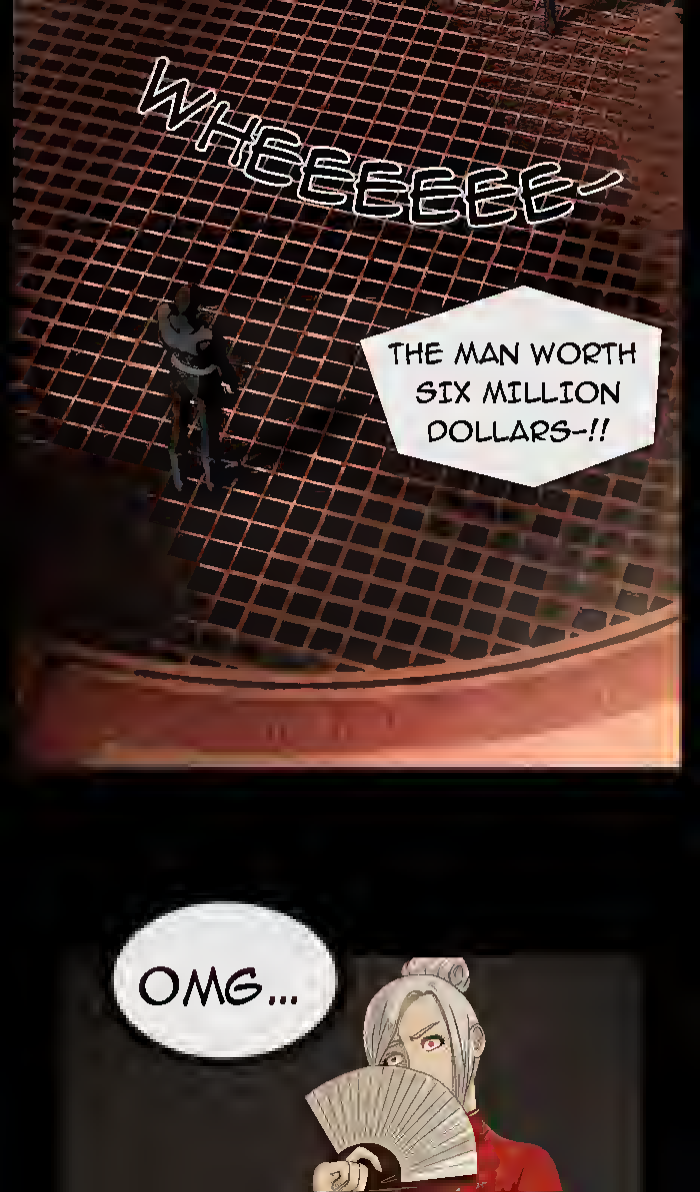

INTRODUCING...!
THE MAN WHO HAS MADE HIS DEBUT AT THIS ARENA LIKE A COMET!

THE ONE WHO HAS NEVER LOST IN THE ARENA, THE CHAMPION!


A LIVING LEGEND!!
MYSTERY HELMET!!


YEAAAAAAAA!

HE HAS AMASSED OVER SIX MILLION IN EARNINGS SO FAR


WHEEEEEEE~
THE MAN WORTH SIX MILLION DOLLARS-!!
OMG...

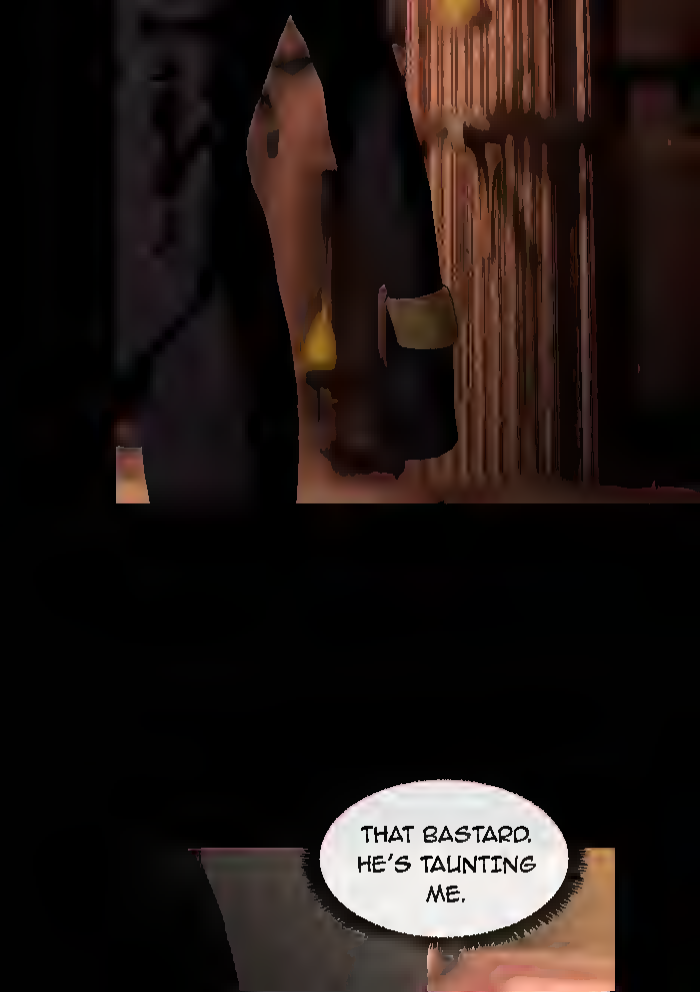
FINAL
THAT CHAMPION SEEMS FAMILIAR...
EVERYONE! THE TITLE MATCH WILL SOON BEGIN!

WILL THE NEWCOMER, THE BLACK RAT BE ABLE TO DEFEAT THE CHAMPION?
ARE YOU...

REALLY
THE VILLAIN WHO
KILLED THE HERO
GUARDIAN?
OH~ THAT? I GUESS
IF YOU WANT TO PUT
IT LIKE THAT, IT
WOULDN'T BE
UNTRUE.
BUT~ I'VE NEVER
BEEN A VILLAIN.

ELECTRONIC VOICE?
...ANYWAYS, YOU'RE SAYING THAT IT'S TRUE, RIGHT?
KRUMM

MBLE-
CLENCH
WHY ARE YOU GETTING ANGRY? WHAT RELATIONSHIP DO YOU HAVE WITH A WEAK HERO LIKE GUARDIAN?


THAT BASTARD. HE'S TAUNTING ME.

I'VE BEEN LIVING MY LIFE AS THE "VILLAIN HUNTER" JUST TO CATCH THIS GUY.
YES, LET'S STAY CALM. RELAX...

SWOOOSH-
PHEW-
I NEED TO KNOW THE TRUTH ABOUT MY FATHER'S DEATH. WHO AND WHY THEY KILLED HIM.

HEY...HEY. LOOK HERE. WHY ALL OF A SUDDEN ARE YOU CALM?
DON'T...BE LIKE THAT~

SHUT IT!
I WANT TO KILL YOU THIS INSTANT, BUT THERE ARE THINGS I NEED TO FIND OUT FIRST.
SO I'LL JUST KILL YOU HALFWAY FOR NOW.

HE REALLY THINKS HE'S DAMN STRONG.
WHEW~
FINE. GO AHEAD AND GIVE IT A SHOT IF YOU THINK YOU CAN. GET ANGRIER-

DING DING DING~
THE FIGHT IS FINALLY STARTING!!
WHERE HAVE I SEEN HIM...?

THE CHAMPION AND THE CHALLENGER. SO FAR THEY HAVEN'T STARTED FIGHTING BUT SEEM TO BE TALKING BACK AND FORTH.
A BATTLE OF NERVES?

YOU. THERE'S NO POINT IN ME FIGHTING YOU IN THAT STATE
M...N.
FORGET IT

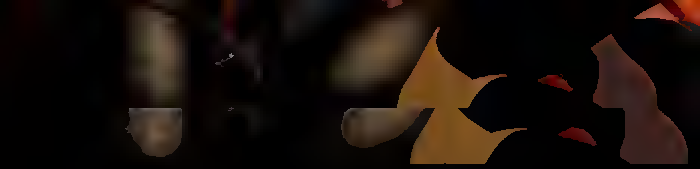
MAYBE THIS WILL TICK YOU OFF.
BLITZ

THAT CRAZY BASTARD!!
WHAT IS HE PLANNING ON DOING?!!

OOPS! CHAMPION! THE CHAMPION IS SUDDENLY LUNGING AT THE ROUND GIRL?!!!
LEAP

SWOOP
SORRY~ THIS IS GOING TO HURT

WHACK
ALRIGHT!



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